


seede of Hempe seed, and a penaltie and forfaiture for not doing thereof, according to the authoritie to her Highnesse giuen by the said last recyted Act and Statute) doeth therefore now by this her Highnesse Proclamation, declare & publish to all her louing Subjects within these her Highnesse Counties and Shires, (namely of Barkeshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, the Isle of Ely, Cheshire, Darbyshire, Dorsetshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hartfordshire, Huntingtonshire, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Rutlandshire, Somersetshire, Southamptonshire, Staffordshire, Suffolke, Surrey, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Worcestershire and Yorkeshire,) the said former Acte and Statute before recyted, and made in the said foure and twentieth yere of the reigne of the sayd late King Henry the eighth, her most noble father, to be commodious and profitable for the Common wealth, and to be executed, obserued, and kept by all her Subiectes in all places throughout her Maiesties Shires or Counties aforesaid. And further the Queenes Highnesse, according to the authoritie to her giuen by the said last recyted Statute, doeth by this her Maiesties present Proclamation limite and appoint, that in place and stead of the said one Rood or fourth part of an Acre, and of the said penaltie and forfaiture of iii. s. iiii. d. mentioned and expessed in the said former Acte and Statute, that this present yere one halfe Acre, and after that, one Acre of land shall yere be sown with Line seed, otherwise flaxe seede, or Hempe seede, or with both, vpon paine of forfaiture of v. li. for euery default or offence. And therefore her Highnesse doeth straightly charge and commaund, and by this her Maiesties Proclamation doeth also limit and appoint, that all maner of persons, of what estate, condition, or degree they be of, within any the Counties aforesaid, hauing in their own occupation lx. Acres of arable land or Pasture, or lx. Acres of arable land & Pasture in any place or places within any the Counties aforesaid, being apt for tillage, that they and euery of them shall yere from hencefoorth for euer at their owne proper costes and charges till and sow, or cause to be tilled & sown in seasonable time, without fraude or couin, one halfe Acre this present yere, and after that, yere one acre of land, being in their occupation, with Line seede, otherwise called flaxe seed, or Hempe seed, or with both. The said one halfe Acre for this present yere, and after that, one Acre to be taken & sown in one place together, or in seuerall places at their pleasures, vpon paine of forfaiture of v. li. for euery default or offence hereafter to be committed or suffered by any person or persons, contrary to the tenour, fourme & effect of the said former Act & Statute, and of this present Proclamation. Wherfore her Highnes doth further straitly charge and command all her Iustices of Assise, Iustices of the Peace, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and all other her Officers and Ministers, that now be, or hereafter shalbe within any the Counties aforesaid, that they and euery of them doe from hencefoorth cause diligent inquisition to be made of all offences that hereafter shalbe committed or done by any person or persons within any the Counties aforesaid, contrary to the tenour and effect of the said former Act and Statute, and of this present Proclamation, or of any Article or clause therein conteyned, as they and euery of them will answere to the contrary at their perils. Given at Richmond the fifteenth day of January, the one and twentieth yere of the Queenes Maiesties most noble reigne.

God saue the Queene.

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